In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all versions and listings of claims in the application. Please amend the claims as follows:

1. – 16. (Cancelled.)

17. (Currently Amended) A catalyst configuration for removing nitrogen oxides ~~which removes nitrogen oxides~~ in exhaust gas by reduction in the presence of ammonia, wherein a first catalyst which is highly active in removing nitrogen dioxide is arranged on the upstream side in the exhaust gas flow direction, and a second catalyst which is highly active in removing nitrogen monoxide is arranged on the downstream side of said first catalyst in the exhaust gas flow direction.

18. (Currently Amended) A catalyst configuration for removing nitrogen oxides ~~which removes nitrogen oxides~~ in exhaust gas by reduction in the presence of ammonia, wherein a first catalyst which is highly active in removing nitrogen dioxide is arranged on the upstream side in the exhaust gas flow direction, ~~and a second catalyst which is highly active in removing nitrogen monoxide is arranged on the downstream side of said first catalyst in the exhaust gas flow direction, and~~said catalyst configuration comprising:

~~as said second catalyst, a catalyst comprising a titanium oxide as a first component and at least one or more kinds of vanadium oxide, tungsten oxide, and molybdenum oxide as a second component is applied, and~~

~~as said first catalyst, a catalyst in which said second catalyst comprises at least one or more kinds of copper oxide and chromium oxide as a third component is applied.~~

a first catalyst which is highly active in removing nitrogen dioxide is arranged on the upstream side in the exhaust gas flow direction, said first catalyst comprising at least one oxide selected from the group consisting of copper oxides and chromium oxides, and

a second catalyst which is active in removing nitrogen monoxide which is arranged on

the downstream side of said first catalyst in the exhaust flow direction, said second catalyst comprising titanium oxide and at least one oxide selected from the group consisting of vanadium oxides, tungsten oxides and molybdenum oxides.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) A catalyst configuration for removing nitrogen oxides ~~which removes nitrogen oxides~~ in exhaust gas by reduction in the presence of ammonia, ~~wherein~~said catalyst configuration comprising:

a first catalyst arranged on the upstream side in the exhaust gas flow direction and comprising a composite oxide of copper oxide and chromium oxide, and

a second catalyst arranged on the downstream side of said first catalyst in the exhaust gas flow direction and comprising a titanium oxide, a vanadium oxide and a tungsten oxide.

21. (Currently Amended) The catalyst for removing nitrogen oxides according to claim 20, wherein

said second catalyst further comprises ~~a~~ molybdenum oxide ~~as the second component of said second catalyst~~.

22. (Currently Amended) A catalyst configuration for removing nitrogen oxides ~~which removes nitrogen oxides~~ in exhaust gas by reduction in the presence of ammonia, ~~wherein~~said catalyst configuration comprising:

~~a second catalyst consisting of a catalyst comprising a titanium oxide as a first component and at least one or more kinds of vanadium oxide, tungsten oxide, and molybdenum oxide as a second component, and~~

~~a first catalyst consisting of a catalyst in which said second catalyst comprises at least one or more kinds of copper oxide and chromium oxide as a third component~~

~~are arranged in combination.~~

a first catalyst arranged on the upstream in the exhaust gas flow direction and

comprising a composite oxide of copper oxide and chromium oxide, and

a second catalyst arranged on the downstream side of said first catalyst in the exhaust gas flow direction and comprising titanium oxide and one or more of an oxide selected from the group consisting of vanadium oxide, tungsten oxide, and molybdenum oxide.

23. (Currently Amended) The catalyst for removing nitrogen oxides according to claims 17, wherein

~~at least not less than~~greater than or equal to 1/4 and less than 4/4 of an upstream catalyst flow path length in the exhaust gas flow direction is constituted by said second catalyst, and

a downstream catalyst flow path length in the exhaust gas flow direction is constituted by said first catalyst.

24. – 28. (Cancelled.)

29. (Currently Amended) The catalyst for removing nitrogen oxides according to claim 18, wherein

~~at least not less than~~greater than or equal to 1/4 and less than 4/4 of an upstream catalyst flow path length in the exhaust gas flow direction is constituted by said second catalyst, and

a downstream catalyst flow path length in the exhaust gas flow direction is constituted by said first catalyst.

30. (Currently Amended) The catalyst for removing nitrogen oxides according to claim 20, wherein

~~at least not less than~~greater than or equal to 1/4 and less than 4/4 of an upstream catalyst flow path length in the exhaust gas flow direction is constituted by said second catalyst, and

a downstream catalyst flow path length in the exhaust gas flow direction is constituted

by said first catalyst.

31. (Currently Amended) The catalyst for removing nitrogen oxides according to claim 21, wherein

~~at least not less than~~greater than or equal to 1/4 and less than 4/4 of an upstream catalyst flow path length in the exhaust gas flow direction is constituted by said second catalyst, and

a downstream catalyst flow path length in the exhaust gas flow direction is constituted by said first catalyst.